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## Letter dated 2 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge the strongest protest over the establishment of the Liaison Office of the Republic of Albania in Pristina, Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, on 24 July 2000, characterized by the Republic of Albania as "the establishment of diplomatic relations between Albania and Kosovo". This unlawful act was committed on the basis of Regulation No. 2000/42, on the establishment and functioning of foreign liaison offices, introduced illegally by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) on 10 June 2000. In my letter of 1 August 2000 (S/2000/757), I lodged a strong protest of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at the regulation and called upon the Security Council to annul it as contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999.

This act of diplomatic piracy is not the first one committed by the Republic of Albania in violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law relative to respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of other States. By a decision of its Parliament in October 1992, the Republic of Albania recognized, as the only member State of the United Nations, the so-called Republic of Kosovo, which constituted a glaring example of interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign, neighbouring State. So-called representative offices (there are two of them now) of the so-called Republic of Kosovo have been allowed to function in Tirana ever since. In December 1992, the Parliament of the Republic of Albania considered the so-called "Platform for the Solution of the Albanian National Question", which contained overt territorial claims against Kosovo and Metohija, an integral part of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Albanian political leaders make frequent, incognito visits to Kosovo and Metohija and take part in conferences and other manifestations staged by separatist parties and groups, aiding and abetting separatism. The Republic of Albania provided a haven to members of the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), set up their boot camps in its territory and served as a darmplatz for their raids and provocations and the eventual aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. It is responsible for thousands of deaths and abductions and hundreds of thousands of expulsions of non-Albanians from Kosovo and Metohija, particularly of its Serbs. It opened its borders with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to an

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avalanche of its own nationals into Kosovo and Metohija, especially those engaged in terrorism, international organized crime, illicit traffic in drugs, arms smuggling and white slavery. Bearing that in mind, there is no doubt that the Liaison Office of the Republic of Albania will be abused for the furtherance of separatism, secession of Kosovo and Metohija and the creation of Greater Albania.

In introducing the regulation and, in particular, in granting "permission" to the Republic of Albania to establish the Liaison Office, the Special Representative and Head of UNMIK has elected to ignore the policy of the Republic of Albania, as well as the fact that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Albania have no diplomatic relations.

Considering the policy of the Republic of Albania of the destabilization of the situation in Kosovo and Metohija, its open support for separatism and undisguised aspirations towards a part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as the illegality of Regulation No. 2000/42, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls upon the Security Council to annul the decision of the Special Representative and Head of UNMIK to allow the Republic of Albania to establish the Liaison Office to serve the goals of furthering the illegitimate and hostile claims of the Republic of Albania against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
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